

What is claimed is:

1. A device for crushing a tablet, comprising: a base;
a fulcrum member integrally and immovably fixed to said base;
an anvil integrally fixed to said base, said anvil having a concave crushing face;
a movable handle pivotally coupled to said fulcrum member at a first pivot point;
a compression link, pivotally coupled at a first pivot to said base and coupled at a second pivot to said handle, for facilitating movement of said handle relative to said base; and
a platen having a convex crushing face, coupled at a third pivot to said base and coupled at a fourth pivot to said handle, whereby movement of said handle produces movement of said platen relative to said anvil, for crushing a tablet between said anvil and said platen.
2. The device according to claim 1 including a pouch for receiving a tablet to be crushed wherein said pouch is adapted for fitting between said anvil and said platen.
3. The device according to claim 1 wherein the distance of travel between a first position wherein said platen is fully withdrawn from said anvil and a second position wherein said platen is flush against said anvil, is sufficiently small to prevent said handle and said compression link from coming into full alignment.
4. The device according to claim 1, additionally comprising an interference stop structure positioned to prevent said handle and said compression link from coming into

full alignment.

5. The device according to claim 1, additionally comprising a cover disposed over said platen and anvil, while having an opening to allow access to the space between said platen and said anvil.

6. The device according to claim 5 wherein said cover comprises an opening to a storage cavity.

7. A device for crushing a tablet, comprising:

a base;

an anvil integrally fixed to said base, said anvil having a concave crushing face;

a movable handle;

a platen having a convex crushing face, coupled at a pivot to said base, whereby movement of said handle produces movement of said platen relative to said anvil, for crushing a tablet between said anvil and said platen; and

means for moving forcibly said platen against said anvil when said handle is moved from a first position to a second position.

8. The device according to claim 7 including a pouch for receiving a tablet to be crushed wherein said pouch is adapted for fitting between said anvil and said platen.

9. The device according to claim 7, additionally comprising a cover disposed over said

platen and anvil, while having an opening to allow access to the space between said platen and said anvil.

10. The device according to claim 9 wherein said cover comprises an opening to a storage cavity.